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## THE TWO H's

The change in administration in Washington brought from observers on the scene the usual batch of bright and not-so-bright remarks. However, there was one crack which had in it more truth than fiction. It is that the country now seems to be caught between the two H's - between Harvard and Hollywood.

This refers, of course, in the case of Harvard to the new President's raids on his *alma mater* for many of the men who will help him form policy in the coming four

years. It refers, in the case of Hollywood, to the group of filmland characters who had so big a part in the inaugural proceedings. The feeling among old hands in Washington is that a man who won the presidency by a hairline popular vote should be more circumspect in the type of people with whom he surrounds himself. Washingtonians are pretty cynical where politicians are concerned, but quite a few of them privately expressed shock at the prominence in the Kennedy inner

circle of Hollywood representatives whose moral and ethical standards - whatever else we may think of them - are a long way from the solid core of the American people. Also, it is pointed out that we hear a great deal these days about lack of standards and about moral decay, particularly among youth. But how much more difficult it becomes, say these observers, to demand high standards from young people when a President of the United States raises to such eminence certain Hollywood characters who, in their private lives, provide juicy tidbits for the gossip columnists.

As for the latest trek from Harvard to Washington, the general consensus in the capital is: Here we go again! There is no doubt that the majority of Mr. Kennedy's Harvard advisers are of the

starry-eyed, egghead type who lean toward discredited left-wing notions of how a nation should be run. They are of much the same stripe as the Harvard products who flocked to Washington during the early days of FDR's New Deal. They managed to put over a number of their wild ideas. We are now facing serious problems resulting from the tax-and-borrow-and-spend straitjacket in which they bound up our free economy. To many observers in Washington, it can be only the new President's youth which makes him think he can right the old Harvard-spawned wrongs with more of the same. But they see hope for the country in the fact that Mr. Kennedy faces a Congress somewhat different from the compliant Congress which surrendered its rightful powers to FDR without a whimper.

## NEW APPEASERS?

One of the chief topics of conversation in Washington is President Kennedy's new State Department. There is deep concern over many of his appointments to this all-important bureau. Many fear that we are in for another era of appeasement of Soviet Russia. Special concern is expressed

also about the possibility of the administration falling for the latest drive for recognition of the Red Chinese.

Mr. Kennedy made some brave, and sound, statements about the necessity of standing firm against the Soviets in campaign speeches. But there are those who feel this was

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just campaign oratory. They point to his naming of Adlai Stevenson as our chief delegate to the United Nations. In so doing, the President went against the advice of older and wiser heads in his own party. James A. Farley, for instance, last June called Stevenson an 'apostle of appeasement' and remarked, at the time of the Democratic convention, that naming 'Stevenson to negotiate with Khrushchev is to send the cabbage patch to the goat.'

Those who fear Stevenson's softness toward the Reds were not encouraged by the appointment of Averell Harriman as roving ambassador. He is a

former New York governor and was once FDR's Ambassador to Russia. Harriman was one of those, like his boss FDR, who was completely taken in by Red Dictator Stalin. In fact, back in those days when our leaders were building up Soviet power by giving Stalin everything he wanted, Harriman told various people that Stalin was not a revolutionary communist — just a Russian nationalist! Mr. Harriman revealed his innocence of true Red aims in a conversation with the Polish Ambassador to the United States. He declared that in all the talks he had had with Stalin, not once did Stalin indicate that the old Leninist policy of world revolution was still the aim of Stalinist Russia. Evidently Stalin did not say he had abandoned the idea of world revolution — he just did not mention it, and that was enough for Mr. Harriman. Of course, that was a long time ago, and maybe today Mr. Harriman is a wiser man. But only last summer, when the Democratic platform was being discussed, it was Mr. Harriman who urged the party not to accept a plank which would commit it to a stiffer policy toward the Soviets.

As for Chester Bowles, the

new Under-Secretary of State, he was chairman of the committee which drafted the foreign-policy plank. Many Democrats - some of them powerful in the party, but not powerful enough to overcome the 'liberal' left-wingers - felt the plank was extremely weak in dealing with the international Red menace. Bowles, of course, is well-known as a one-worlder and has been very active in the left-wing Americans for Democratic Action.

The feeling in non-appeasement quarters in Washington is that this is the worst possible time for would-be appeasers of Red Russia to be in the saddle. Khrushchev is

faced with growing troubles both within his own borders and in the captive nations. Too many times before, he has been rescued by Western leaders when he forced them to rebuild his own respectability with conferences, summits and visits. The best possible course now for the West would be to let him strictly alone - and give him to understand that we intend to stand strongly and firmly on our principles and commitments. But, it is asked, how can we do this with men like Stevenson, Harriman and Bowles who think a communist can be dealt with on the same terms as we deal with civilized leaders.

## RUSK AND RED CHINA

On the issue of Red China, there are grave misgivings about the new Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk. His past record on the Chinese Reds can hardly be called consistent. He has both defended them and denounced them. But even his denunciation left something to be desired. He seemed, back in 1951, to be critical of the Chinese slave-masters not because they were communists, but because they were Russian-

dominated. The implication was that if they were communists independent of Russia they might be all right. Then when Mr. Rusk appeared before a Senate committee recently, he seemed less than forthright on the issue of recognition of Red China and its admission to the United Nations. He allowed as how it was a very complicated situation, and not something the U.S. could handle alone, but for the time being there would

be no change in policy unless there was a so-called change in attitude in Red China. Of course, the straightforward answer would have been: No, the United States will not recognize Red China, and we will oppose with all our power her admission to the United Nations. But Mr. Rusk's equivocal answer leads to the following speculation in Washington: The question of Red China's admission to the UN will come up again. We will

vote against it, but we are now outnumbered in the United Nations by the votes of the new African and Asian nations. So Red China will win out in the UN. Then the United States will have to accept the will of the majority. After that, of course, it will be much easier to put over American recognition of the regime in China which still holds as prisoners several hundred or several thousand American soldiers.

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## **Book Review** **CLEANING THE RESERVOIR**

THE SMUT PEDDLERS by James Jackson Kilpatrick, 323 pages, Doubleday, N.Y., \$4.50.

This is a shocking, reviling, stomach-turning, and thoroughly necessary book. As Mr. Kilpatrick says: 'How is one to write descriptively of the obscenity racket - how is he to help the reader to understand the vile nature of this ugly traffic - without falling into fresh obscenity himself? It cannot be done.' This volume is therefore strictly for adults, but it should be read, and read carefully, by every mother, father, guardian, and teacher.

The obscenity racket - and it is a racket - operates nationally. No state or locality escapes. Like all rackets, it is organized. It has its syndicates, wholesalers, distributors. Its gross revenues are estimated at half a billion dollars a year. And its prey are your youngsters. They are being flooded with filth by the tons. Unless something is done to stop the racket, its volume could double in the next few years.

There is the rub - how to stop it or curb it without raising the freeman's bogey

of censorship. That is the task Mr. Kilpatrick set himself. He is especially qualified. He is the brilliant and articulate editor of the Richmond (Va.) *News-Leader*. He has always been a newspaperman, and there is no one more sensitive than a dedicated newspaperman to any form of censorship which might abrogate our precious freedom of speech and the press.

But the problem remains — the cesspool of sheer filth with which our children's minds are being filled. The author has done a monumental research job on the racket itself, and the means — through law, postal regulations, public and private action — by which it can be combatted without in any way hurting true freedom in art and liter-

ature. His approach is sensible and always within the framework of our constitutional liberties, of which he is very much aware. He justly berates both the bluenoses and the advocates of the kind of freedom which becomes outright licentiousness. He recognizes that it is always difficult to agree on methods for controlling pollution. 'But,' he says, 'the effort is worth making, to find a rational answer...and a free society should find nothing inconsistent with its freedom in seeking to keep from its reservoirs the merchants of filth.' There is no better guide to urgently needed action on this vicious problem than this uncommonly discerning study.

— *Rosalie Gordon*

## SMACK IN TVA COUNTRY

"Those who argue that Washington bureaucracy is the answer to 'depressed areas' often have pointed proudly to the Tennessee Valley Authority as the landmark of prosperity by government planning. U.S. taxpayers have contributed more than \$1.5 billion to develop the valley.

"Rep. Frank Bow of Ohio points out, however, that the current list of 'depressed areas' needing federal aid according to the bureaucrats, includes 70 of Tennessee's 95 counties, with some of the worst distress right smack in the middle of TVA country. Mississippi's only TVA county is on the list, and so are three of the six TVA counties in Kentucky and six of nine in Alabama." — *Savannah (Ga.) MORNING NEWS*

## DOWNGRADING OUR HISTORY

"Since World War II, the trend away from the original concepts of our American heritage has been gathering steam. This trend to downgrade our American history can be laid directly to the thinking of UNESCO, and the followers of the National Education Association. It is a direct attempt to transfer the nationalist feeling of American citizens into the orbit of world citizens and thus make easier the plans of United Nations to enslave the richest and greatest nation in the world...In this respect, the world communist conspiracy has its part and one of its chief aims is to infiltrate into our American public school system as well as our private universities and colleges.

"The founders of our Republic are now picked apart, the exploits of our military leaders and industrial leaders are suspect, and gradually we are being sheared of the glory and excitement of it all under the guise of internationalism. It is all the communist pattern of breaking down the past in favor of the untruths of the present written by pinko writers and frustrated so-called educators.

"To show to the parents and taxpayers of this community how close to home this new concept of teaching is hitting, we quote from a communique by...(an) assistant superintendent of education:

"Our teachers of social studies agree that a greatly

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strengthened curriculum is needed in our social studies program. Emphasis should be placed much more upon the events and ramifications of the present.'

"This is another way of saying, let's forget the past glories and the legend and prepare for the new socialistic state to be...

"To date, an apathetic parenthood has allowed this to take place. As Patrick Henry said, 'I have no lamp to guide my feet but by the lamp of experience. I have no way of judging the future but by the past.' " - *Sarasota (Fla.) NEWS*

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